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1. FOR BRUSSELS - PLEASE INFORM MEYNELL USG APPRECIATES HIS INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING SECOND TRILATERAL MEETING. USG FOUND FIRST MEETING USEFUL AND WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR SECOND MEETING. HOWEVER, BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER IN SETTING UP SECOND MEETING IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW IF MEYNELL HAS ALSO RAISED MATTER WITH JAPANESE (SPECIFICALLY HANAOKA OF MITI). ALSO WHAT HAS BEEN GOJ REACTION? IF NOT, WE BELIEVE BOTH US AND EC OUGHT PERHAPS TO APPROACH GOJ SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND MEETING. IF GOJ REACTS NEGATIVELY, THEN US AND EC TEXTILE REPS CAN CONSIDER ADVISABILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF SEPARATE BILATERAL MEETING. FYI USG SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT MEET BILATERALLY WITH EC FOR FEAR JAPANESE COULD INTERPRET SUCH A MEETING THE WRONG WAY. WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT GOJ BE BROUGHT INTO THESE PRIVATE OFF-THE-RECORD MEETINGS TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND WE WANT TO AVOID AT ALL COSTS JAPANESE GAINING IMPRESSION THAT EC AND US COLLUDING ON INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE TRADE POLICY. END FYI.

2. TIMING AND LOCATION FOR PROPOSED MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT, USG HAS HEAVY BILATERAL SCHEDULE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH AND TENTATIVELY SUGGESTS WEEK BEGINNING APRIL 5 FOR MEETINGS. US WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST MEETING BUT WOULD EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL IF ANOTHER LOCATION IS PREFERABLE TO EEC AND GOJ. SISCO

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